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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED APRIL 9, 1976, LETTER FROM L. ALEKSANDROV OF HYDROMET ADDRESSED TO MORRIS TEPPER. LETTER IS DATED APRIL 7, 1976. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR DR. TEPPER: ACCORDING TO THE PROTOCOL OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE JOINT US-USSR WORKING GROUP ON SPACE METEOROLOGY

(USA, MARCH, 1975) I FORWARD YOU UPPER CHARTS FOR SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER, 1975 AND EXPLANATIONS FOR THEM IN THE LETTER OF MR. KOKIN. YOURS RESPECTFULLY, L. ALEKSANDROV. END QUOTE.

- 3. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF KOKIN LETTER TO TEPPER FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR DR. TEPPER, WE ARE SENDING YOU A SET OF HIGH LEVEL CHARTS FOR SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER, 1975. THESE CHARTS WERE PLOTTED FROM ROCKET AND SATELLITE DATA KINDLY GIVEN BY YOU. FORM USING SATELLITE INFORMATION IT IS POSSIBLE TO REVEAL A LOCATION OF BASIC FORMATIONS PARTICULARLY IN THE TORRID ZONE.
- 4. IN THIS CONNECTION WE SEND YOU FOR COMPARISON A SET OF CHARTS PLOTTED ONLY FROM ROCKET DATA FOR ALTITUDES OF 35, 40 AND 45 KILOMETERS. THEY ARE MARKED WITH THE LETTER (A). WE RECEIVED A SET OF CHARTS FROM NASA FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1975. COMPARISON WITH OUR CHARTS SHOWED THAT SYNOPTICAL PROCESSES IN SEPTEMBER ARE REPRESENTED DIFFERENTLY ON OUR CHARTS AND YOUR CHARTS IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT WE USED ALMOST IDENTICAL DATA. THE PROCESSES IN UNCLASSIFIED

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OCTOBER ARE PICTURED THE SAME ON NASA CHARTS AND OUR CHARTS. ALL

THIS REQUIRES A SUBSEQUENT EXTENDED ANALYSIS OF METHODS OF CHART PLOTTING AND WE HOPE TO DO THIS DURING OUR FORTHCOMING MEETING. YOURS RESPECTFULLY, G. KOKIN. END QUOTE.

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